

Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of QAC on 30/06/2022

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in African Studies

Brief note about nature of change: amendments to reflect changes to assessment practice.

Effective date

For all MSc students from Michaelmas 2022, for first examination in 2022-23.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (2021-22):

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscinafristud&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.2 – 1.7 as follows:

^{1.1}1. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in African Studies for three terms, and will, when they enter their names for the examination, be required to produce a certificate from their supervisors to this effect.

^{1.2}2. ~~Candidates will be required to present themselves for examination in the compulsory paper in Themes in African History and the Social Sciences in Trinity Term. In addition, e~~ Each candidate will be required to submit the following written work:

^{1.3}(i) One 4,500 word essay for the compulsory core course in Methodology,

Ethics and Research Strategies selected from a list of questions approved by the African Studies Teaching Committee and made available to candidates by Friday of Week 7 of Michaelmas Term. The essay must be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform not later than 12 noon on ~~the first Monday of~~ Friday, Week 0 of Hilary Term in the year in which the examination is taken.

(ii) Two Essays of no more than 3,000 words selected from a list of questions approved by the African Studies Teaching Committee on the core course in Themes in African History and the Social Sciences. The first to be made available to candidates by Friday of Week 8, Michaelmas Term for submission via the University approved online assessment platform not later than 12 noon on Friday, Week 1 of Hilary Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The second to be made available to candidates by Friday of Week 8, Hilary Term for submission via the University approved online assessment platform not later than 12 noon on Monday, Week 1 of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken.

^{1.4}(iii) One 12,000 to 15,000 word dissertation, which must include discussion of the comparative reading, historiography, or theory relevant to the dissertation. The title of the dissertation must be approved by the African Studies Teaching Committee not later than 12 noon on the last day of ninth ~~eighth~~ week of Michaelmas Full Term in the year in which the examination is taken. An electronic version of the dissertation must be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform not later than 12 noon on Friday of Week 8 of Trinity Full Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The electronic copy must be anonymous and submitted in Word format. ~~The dissertation must be submitted not later than 12 noon on Friday of sixth week of Trinity Full Term in the year in which the examination is taken.~~

^{1.5}(iv) ~~iii~~ One 4,500 word essay for one option paper, selected from a list of at least eight questions prepared by the course convenor and made available to candidates by Monday of Week 6 of Hilary Term. The essay must be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform not later than 12 noon on Friday, Week 3 of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken. ~~The essay must be submitted not later than 12 noon on Friday of Week 2 of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken.~~

For students taking the “The Politics of Film in Africa” option, assessment will consist of:

i) a 4,500 word essay as described above;

ii) a short film of about 3-4 minutes on an issue related to significant themes on the course.

iii) a critical 2,000 word treatment to accompany the film.

~~^{1.6}The written work detailed above must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by the times and days specified. The submission must be anonymous and submitted in word format.~~

~~^{1.7}3. A candidate must pass all components of the examination in order to pass the degree. A candidate who fails any element of the examination will be permitted to retake or resubmit it on one further occasion within six terms of his or her initial registration. A candidate who fails one or more of the compulsory or optional papers will be required to resit both papers. In the case of a failed essay or dissertation, the resubmitted dissertation can be on the same topic and include previously submitted work.~~

Explanatory Notes Amendments to reflect changes to assessment practice.